

**CHAPTER NO. 617**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2154**

**By Womack, Miller, Fowler, Springer, Dixon, Crowe**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2825

By Hood, Eckles, Davidson, Maddox, Fraley, Caldwell, Ferguson, McDaniel, Fitzhugh,  
McDonald, McMillan

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-710, relative to uses of  
leave.


BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-710(a)(2), is amended  
by adding the following sentences at the end of the subdivision as follows:

Upon verification by a written statement from an adoption agency or other entity  
handling an adoption, a teacher may also be allowed to use up to thirty (30) days  
of accumulated sick leave for adoption of a child. If both adoptive parents are  
teachers, only one parent is entitled to leave under this subsection.


SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare  
requiring it.

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**PASSED: March 2, 1998**

**APPROVED this 17th Day of March 1998**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR